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AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

New York has a society whose purpose is to fight against the development of a negro "ghetto" in the American cities. It is the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, whose membership includes many persons socially prominent in New York, together with a company of serious-minded colored people. The headquarters are at No. 110 West 107th street.

Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Jr., was recently elected chairman of the executive board. Other members of the league are: Mrs. Haley Fiske, George McAneny, Silas McBee, William H. Maxwell, William Jay Schiefel, Isaac N. Sellman, George W. Sellman, Charles D. Hillis, the Rev. William Adams Brown, Paul J. Sachs, Theodore M. Taft, Albert Shaw, Judge Joseph F. Mulqueen and Major R. R. Moton.

The league has affiliated organizations in Philadelphia, Chicago, Louisville, St. Louis, Richmond, A. D. Norfolk, Va.; Augusta, Ga., and Wilmington, Del. Its biggest work, however, is in New York, where the negro population is now more than 80,000, being more than in any other city in America, except Washington.

"Our work here includes many branches of activity," said Eugene K. Jones, associate director in charge of the local work. "We have a committee for improving industrial conditions, which seeks to organize workers in the various occupations, and by this means help our people to better things. For instance, we have organized one group into the Colored Public Porters' association, for the purpose of guarding the public against unscrupulous porters. The organization is raising the standard of reliability and efficiency among its members. Workers in other occupations are similarly organized."

"Then we have a vocational exchange, operated in connection with the housing bureau, at No. 127 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, in the thickly populated negro section of Harlem. This exchange is being made a clearing house through which applicants for help and for positions may be referred to reliable philanthropic and commercial employment agencies. Positions have been secured for 197 persons."

It takes three seconds for a cable message to cross the ocean.

Of the material success of certain colored men in the south, the Crisis contains this:

"Ocala, Fla., has 3,000 colored inhabitants, and there are 12,000 others in the surrounding county. This has offered a chance for industrial co-operation. There is a thriving sea island cotton factory, considerable exporting of moss and velvet beans, while colored men have numerous stores and are supporting professional men. Recently the Metropolitan Realty and Investment company has been organized and has erected a \$200,000 building. In this a bank with a capital of \$25,000 has been located. The president of the company, George Giles, is a large holder of real estate. The vice-president, Joseph L. Wiley, is the founder of Fessenden academy, and the cashier, F. P. Gadsden, is the owner of the largest dry goods and notion store owned by a colored man in the United States. Other directors are Dr. Williams, a well-to-do physician; A. S. Richardson, D. W. Goodwin, Charles Stewart, J. S. LaRoche, N. T. Brown and S. H. Hadley."

By a deal which was closed last week and in which a consideration of \$30,000 was involved, a tract of land near Thornton, Ill., to be used for the purpose of a negro cemetery, and to be known by the name of Mount Forest cemetery, was acquired, reports a Chicago correspondent.

In a communication to the Kansas City Star a correspondent, "Lacey," writes as follows: "Africa is not the place for the American negro. As yet we have not heard enough to warrant our going there. I don't think the negroes of the United States should sacrifice our fifty years of success here to start all over in a barren, half-civilized country. Here we have our own churches, schools and colleges. Now comes Chief Sam and asks us to break these up, leave all we have worked for and go back. If Africa is as rich as Chief Sam suggests it will not want for others who will seize its riches."

It is said that descent can be traced from only 49 passengers that came over in the Mayflower, the rest having died without issue.

When George Schwartz, a farmer in Scranton, Pa., cut down an oak tree he found imbedded in its heart a pine tree shilling dated 1652.

As a universal danger signal, a Denver firm has designed and copyrighted signs bearing a human hand, across the palm of which appear the words "Safety First."

In London a motor bus proprietor has to comply with between 50 and 60 conditions before he can obtain a license.

Need of Ventilating Church. "Our church janitors need drilling on the subject of ventilation," says the Downs News. "A morning or evening congregation of several hundred persons is entitled to pure air, for there are oceans of it outside. After the morning service the whole room should be thoroughly aired, and yet no doubt the doors are closed when the people leave, and the foul air securely boxed for the evening service. This is dreadful. The News declares. No wonder folks sleep and get a head-

ache. They are dying for oxygen. Open the windows, if it does take more coal. If a church once gets the reputation of always being well ventilated there will be more people at every service to drop extra coal money in the contribution box."

Writing in the Baltimore American, the Rev. J. U. King, pastor of the Union Methodist Episcopal church at St. Michaels, Md., has this to say: "To be successful in the development of the soil we must have scientific training; thus well-equipped agricultural colleges for the negro are indispensable. The day of the ignorant and superstitious farmer has passed. Superstition is being replaced by science, ignorance by knowledge, inefficiency by efficiency."

"If the white man, who is nearing the top of the hill of our great material endeavor, needs the advantages of a well-equipped agricultural college, how much greater are the needs of those who only yesterday, like goods and chattels, served as a medium of commercial exchange; who stand at the very foot of the hill struggling to ascend? This efficiency will not only be of benefit to all of those whose racial identity I bear, but more far reaching than the average person would imagine will be the benefits derived by the white people as well. Observation alone has evidently taught every thoughtful white man that the increase of mental, moral and material efficiency on the part of the negro means the decrease of ignorance, idleness and crime. We live side by side with our white neighbor, and be our contribution to this great social fabric helpful or harmful he is affected accordingly and commensurately."

"Is it not, therefore, the highest wisdom on the part of every constituent part of a community to welcome cordially every means that will permanently establish the criterion: All men up, and not some men down?"

More's been accomplished with a good set of nerves than by the fellows who gita by on their nerve.

Organization of an Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is now being completed. Over 25 people, most of them colored, have joined the local movement, which has for its purpose the economic, political and social advancement of the American negro. John H. Grove of the Grove-Wharton allied business interests, was one of the white men who helped the association to establish a branch in Omaha, and he has been elected treasurer. The other officers, all colored, are: Rev. William T. Osborne, pastor of St. John's African Methodist church, president; Thomas Reese, 2723 Miami street, vice-president; Samuel L. Patton, 2420 Patrick street, recording secretary; Jesse Merchant, 712 North Twenty-eighth avenue, corresponding secretary. Meetings have been held monthly at St. John's African Methodist church since the organization began here, three months ago. Dr. C. M. B. Mason of New York, national organizer for the association, helped to promote the new branch in Omaha. Rev. John Albert Williams, rector of the colored church of St. Philip the Deacon, is also an active member, and says that membership is open to all persons, either white or colored, who wish to participate in the national move for the advancement of the black man. Hereafter meetings will be held every two weeks, and an executive committee will be chosen to assume active charge of the association's work in Omaha.

It shore would be a fine thing if this rest cure business was for them as really needs it.

An interesting story of how prejudice against a race can be removed by learning to like one of its members comes from the Provident hospital, in Chicago's "Black Belt." It began as a negro enterprise and has graduated 118 negro nurses. A white boy was recently hurried to the hospital terribly ill with pneumonia. His mother, a southern woman, telegraphed from the east, urging his removal to some other hospital. It was too late for that. The doctors gave him up. But the negro nurse did not. For thirty-six hours with not a moment's rest she fought for his life, and won. The boy's mother is no longer prejudiced against negro trained nurses.

Fuel oil consumption this year by the United States navy is estimated at 30,000,000 gallons.

More than 10,000 boys under sixteen years of age were injured in mines in Great Britain last year in such a way as to disable them for more than a week. There are about a million coal mine workers altogether, one worker in every seven being killed or injured last year.

Carlsbad by law requires all buildings to be as nearly fireproof as possible, with the result that the city's firemen earn most of their wages as chimney sweeps.

A Norwegian company has patented a secret process for producing 98 per cent. nitric acid from the 30 per cent. acid it has been making from atmospheric nitrogen.

Ain't it funny that their hens lay their most at a time when eggs is so cheap?

Money Particularly. Black—"She said on her wedding day that she would go through everything for him." White—"Well, I guess she has. I loaned him a spot this morning."

The ONLOOKER

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Wait and See



I'm going to journey far away,
Some day;
I'm going to seek a fairer clime,
Some time;
I'm going to do some splendid thing
To cause the world to get to noticing
And pause,
No longer disinclined to see,
But very glad to tender me
Applause.
Some day I'll cause world-wide surprise—
I'll rise
To proudly claim success as mine
And shine;
Some day I'll take my place among
The few;
Some day my praises shall be sung
To you;
I'll do the great thing—wait and see—
When there is naught else left for me
To do.

Punishment. "Poor Mr. Diggleham! Isn't it a shame that he has been so foolish! I can't understand why a man should go wrong as he has. It seems to me that he ought to have known he would get found out. What do you suppose he did with all the money?"

"Lost it speculating, I suppose."

"I'm awfully glad they are not going to send him to jail. It would kill his poor wife. She seems to be awfully crushed."

"Well, I am inclined to believe they are making a mistake in letting him off so easily. That's the sort of thing that causes people to ignore our laws. When one man is let off others think they may go wrong and also get their friends to intercede."

"Still, he is to be turned out of church, you know. That will be punishment enough, I should think."

"Great heavens! you don't call being turned out of church punishment, do you?"

O, Noble Judge. SHE.
The world again seems fair,
My heart once more is light:
Around me everywhere
All I behold is bright;
I feel superbly rich;
The alimony which
In future shall be mine
Will be enough to take
Away the foothold ache:
The judge was just divine!

HE.
I'm free again! I'm free!
How beautiful and bright
The old world seems to be—
My heart once more is light.
The alimony I
Shall have to pay her—why
'Tis small beside the price
I had to pay before
She turned me from the door:
Gee, but the judge was nice!

Why She was Worried. "But, mother, why do you object to my being pleasant to the young men? You can't hope to keep me with you always, you know. One of them will take me away from you some day."

"Take you away from me? Well, if that happens I shall not complain. It is the certainty that none of the young men who have been coming here so far would take you away that has worried both your father and me."

His Winning Way. "It seems queer that she ever took a fancy to him. He isn't at all the kind of man one would expect her to admire."

"I know; but he always had a way of noticing it when she happened to have on a new hat or a gown that had just come from the dressmakers."

Hard for Mother. "I suppose you often find it rather trying to have six marriageable daughters on your hands?"

"Oh, I don't mind it so much myself, but my wife has a pretty hard time of it, seeing that she can't possibly watch at more than one keyhole at a time."

Why? "Do you believe the truth should be spoken at all times?"

"No. When your wife comes home with a new hat and wants to know whether you think it is becoming you tell her that it isn't, even if it makes her look like a fright!"

Wonders of Science. "Oh, mamma," said little Albert, who was having his first view of an aeroplane action, "see the cattle pen flying."

Ill Luck. The greatest misfortune that can come to a woman who trusts a man blindly is to have her eyes opened.

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